

MULL COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th FEBRUARY 2018.

Present: Billy McClymont, Fiona Brown, Jim Corbett, Willie Hume, David Pollard and Jane Stevens.

In attendance: Cllr Mary-Jean Devon, PC Dominic Grierson, PC Sharon Carr, Jenny Reddaway and a member of the public.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Susan Campbell, Allan Cameron, Cameron Anson and Joanne MacDougall.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Correction – Nick Turnbull had contacted Mull Community Council with some corrections to the Minutes and the short report prepared for Round&About. Mr Turnbull is the Chairman of the Mull Fisherman’s Association (MFA), not of MAFA as stated; MAFA no longer exists. The application for the project is the name of MFA but the project is actually being put forward by the West Coast Inshore Fisher Group of which MFA is a member and with whom MFA, with the support of the local Mull mobile gear/scallop fleet, to reach a compromise with other members. It should also be noted that the financial figures quoted were issued by Marine Scotland.

Subject to these corrections, the Minute were proposed by JC and seconded by FB.

MATTERS ARISING

DP advised that he had sent a letter of support for the crabbing box project. He had also inserted a piece in R&A regarding the need for new people to join the Community Council and gave the Community Council’s thanks to Rory Forrester for his support and long service.

DP advised that MICT had lodged an expression of interest in Calgary toilets with Argyll & Bute Council and will be having a meeting with the District Valuer. DP had written to A&B Council expressing the wish of the Community Council that all public toilets remain open.

AC had asked that the Community Council congratulate the roads staff for their gritting service and that they had done a great job.

POLICE REPORT 09/01/18 – 13/02/18 – PCs Dominic Grierson and Sharon Carr

Crimes/Offences that have occurred in community area since last meeting	For period 09/01/18 – 13/02/18 Total number of incidents recorded = 39 Crimes / Incidents of note:
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>LB30 – Tobermory area:</u> Theft of money (Private residence, enquiries ongoing) Disturbance (Main Street) Possible bogus workers (vehicle and persons spoken to) Concern for person. • <u>LB31 – Craignure area:</u> Parking complaint • <u>LB33 – Salen area:</u> Housebreaking with intent to steal, from Salen GP Practice (x1 male arrested and reported to Procurator Fiscal). Concern for person. • <u>LB34 – Bunessan area:</u> No incidents of note
Updates on any actions from previous meetings	No actions from previous meetings
Incidents of note or crime trends	Divisional priorities remain as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public Protection - Serious Crime & Terrorism - Violence, Disorder & Antisocial behaviour - Road Policing
Forthcoming events	No forthcoming events.

Brian Rattray (A&B Council) has confirmed that he will use a vehicle speed and counting device at key sites identified by Police. Information will be used to identify further information about the volume and speed of vehicles, in order for Police to continue proactive work around road safety.

Police would like to thank those members of the public who assisted in dealing with the break-in to the Salen surgery, which resulted in the quick apprehension of a male in the area.

Responding to a query from JS who referred to comments posted recently on social media concerning people selling tools and bedding from the back of vans around the island, PC Sharon Carr advised that, if approached, a request should be made to see the vendor's Pedlar's Certificate.

If anyone wishes to report anything to Police Scotland please contact 101. Information can also be reported anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

MJD advised that A&BC would be meeting to discuss the budget. She reported that a second public consultation indicated that public toilets were near the top of the public's concerns and, for the islands, the Road Safety units, who carry out the Cycling Proficiency tests, were important. MJD advised that the Council's budget had been cut again and was facing a gap of up to £27 million over the next three years. She advised that it was very difficult for Councils to budget on a yearly basis as now rather than over a three year period as used to be the case. The Scottish Government were encouraging Councils to raise Council Tax by a further 3%. MJD also advised that there was a roughly £3m gap in the capital budget for roads and infrastructure.

MJD advised that the Council had sent over the Roads hotbox to do patching; they had already completed Gruline, Glengorm, Kintra and Ardtun. JC asked about Lochbuie and MJD would speak to Malcolm Cullen about this.

MJD advised that the Kenneth McIntyre Park was having 12 new LED light installed and the pitch would be brushed.

MJD reported she had had a good meeting with Ann Paterson, head of Lochdon School, and Flora Corbett about the number of children going to Salen School. JS and FB felt Lochdon was a very good school and JC pointed out that, for the Lochbuie children getting to Salen was a 50 mile round trip.

DP advised that, following the last Community Council meeting regarding the roads situation, he had written to the Chief Executive who referred the matter to Jim Smith; to date no response had been received. DP was asked to email MJD with the details.

FB raised complaints about the Telecare service which sends out invoices every four weeks even to people who are paying by Direct Debit; FB felt that the service could save money by stopping issuing invoices to those paying by DD and also to charge monthly.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

DP referred to the request from MICT for a letter of support the Ardura proposals discussed at the previous meeting; since then Moray Finch had provided all Community

Councillors with very comprehensive information on the project. Community Councillors voted unanimously to support the proposal.

MJD asked if there were any reports on health and social care and FB reported that she and BM had attended an all day meeting, the outcome of which was that there was nothing new to report.

DP advised that he had been contacted by Big Things who will be funding numerous public art projects. It was agreed that no action should be taken on this.

MJD advised that there was good news from the Argyll & Bute Youth Awards with Ellen Kennedy having achieved the Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award and Alexander Anderson being named at Volunteer of the Year who, amongst other activities, is the youngest lifeboat crew member. Both MJD and the Community Councillors offered the pair many congratulations.

JC also advised that Ronnie Campbell had been chosen for the Argyll NFU Stalwarts Award as someone who has contributed a great deal over the years. Community Councillors felt this was very well deserved and praised Mr Campbell for all his work for the island community in many capacities.

AC had asked why Community Councillors no longer received the weekly planning application list; DP agreed to follow this up.

The meeting closed at 2035 hours.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY, 13TH MARCH, 2018 AT 7PM.